

Francis Lightfoot Lee Esq.

B. 12, 103

My Dear Brother.

London 31 Aug. 1773.

Yesterday P. Cap^t. Gray rec^d
y^r favor of June 25. every part of which is fully answer^d.
P. Dutehmass, Mitchell, Bosman, M^r Nourse, & Danby,
£200. is enough for insurance on y^r Tob^o; don't
say I am positive as my old Godfather Landon daes.

With a tolerable lookout, you cannot want
ships to send me 500 hhd^s of Tob^o before Christmas
more than Rayson brings, if you can get them.

Going goes out directly upon what scheme I know
not; M^r M. ought to have home this year at least,
10000 hhd^s of Tob^o to pay for the goods he shipped
last year, or was betide somebody. I think at
present to send a ship out as soon as Rayson arrives
y^r another in the Spring so provide for the worst;
future advices may possibly alter my plan. You
are my shut anchor, therefore look to it, I can't
help thinking myself in a fair way, but God knows
only how it will end. Make my correspondents
remit properly & then our chance is good, but if
you do not, we must cry out, c'est fait de nous.

The Mag^o & papers will give you all the public news.
Anth^y Stewart, has been, as usual, immensely negligent
or great things might have been done this year in Maryl^d.

M^{rs} Lu is to be in the straw in Oct^r. we are
at present well. Give you & our Dr Sister our best love
Y^{rs} Most Sincerely Affect^{ly}

William Lee



[Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

RU 144 (2)

699

To
Francis Lightfoot Lee Esq.
Minotier
Rappahannock
Virginia
P Capt Greig

W. L. Aug 31. 1773

1.2.68